



Community Criminal
Justice Board
ACTION PLAN

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CCJB -- Creating alternatives and
building a safer community together.



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COMMUNITY CRIMINAL JUSTICE BOARD

GOALS FOR THE FY 2002 ACTION PLAN

In March 2001 members of the Community Criminal Justice Board were asked to identify key issues they wanted addressed in a CCJB Action Plan and to prioritize their issues by level of importance. In April 2001 the CCJB appointed a Planning Subcommittee to develop the action plan. The Subcommittee received 35 identified issues, prioritized in ten issue areas of concern by the end of May.

The Subcommittee reviewed the ten priority issue areas suggested by members of the Community Criminal Justice Board and has drafted an action plan goal with objectives for each of these issue areas which reflect the focus and nature of the concerns expressed.

Section A

The Subcommittee recommends that the Board approves the three goals, with related objectives, found in Section A, as the basis for the FY 2002 CCJB Action Plan to be undertaken during the remaining nine months of FY 2002.

Each of the goals developed requires a subcommittee to determine how best to accomplish the goal during FY 2002. The focus for each goal must be what is doable in the nine months as (1) An information item to the CCJB, (2) A task action to the CCJB, or (3) A policy recommendation to CCJB.

Section B

The Subcommittee recommends that the remaining seven goals, as well as the results of the FY 2002 Action Plan, should be retained and made part of a CCJB two-year strategic plan. Using the experience of the FY 2002 Action Plan as a base and guide, the two-year plan could be developed next summer and fall to commence in January 2003.



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SECTION A

GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

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Goal 1: Identify the needs and the resources available for the mentally ill or incapacitated who are in contact with the criminal justice system.

Objective A: Establish a Subcommittee with the collective expertise to realize the goal and inform the CCJB.

Objective B: Identify both existing and needed criminal justice system staff training needs to direct the mentally ill to appropriate treatment.

Objective C: Identify community resources in residential alternatives, transitional housing and community support systems for multi-diagnosed, seriously mentally ill and violent offenders living in the community.

Objective D: Evaluate practice models, such as mental health courts, to identify methods that may provide better services for the mentally ill involved in the criminal justice system.

Objective E: Review all available resources for the seriously mentally ill or incapacitated in contact with the criminal justice system for gaps in services and resources.

Objective F: Identify organizational mechanisms, funding and resources to bridge identified gaps in mental health services and resources.



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Goal 2: Identify shortfalls and unmet needs at the interaction points of community criminal justice and examine the resources and funding necessary to improve coordination of community criminal justice services to the public.

Objective A: Establish a Subcommittee with the expertise to realize the goal and inform the CCJB.

Objective B: Study ways to minimize the potentially negative impact of state funding cut backs on CCCA/PSA, PIC and JAIBG programs.

Objective C: Identify and evaluate gaps in coordination for the community criminal justice program and define remedies that improve and strengthen coordination elements of the community criminal justice effort.

Objective D: Seek resources and funding to implement identified community criminal justice coordination improvement programs.

Objective E: Identify emerging technologies that have the potential to significantly improve the delivery of community criminal justice services and seek 100 percent funding to test and demonstrate the effectiveness of the technology.



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Goal 3: Review and update the community corrections plan and identify gaps in education and team approaches for offenders living in the community.

Objective A: Establish a Subcommittee with the collective expertise to realize the goal and inform the CCJB.

Objective B: Update the plan with innovative ways to improve and integrate services and resources for offenders living in the community in the following areas:

- Affordable housing
- Meaningful employment/job hunting
- Language and cultural adjustments
- Violent and sex offenders in neighborhoods
- Services available after release from the criminal justice system

Objective C: Improve programs for offenders serving sentences to include methods for fulfilling family obligations as well as new education in anger management and parenting and better focus on community service opportunities.

Objective D: Develop an innovative diversion process for Fairfax County that directs offenders in the criminal justice system to appropriate resources and services with a monitoring component involving the public, private and volunteer entities including retirees.



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Objective E: Develop an education program to assure that information about the diversion process and identified resources and services is available to all elements of the community criminal justice system and throughout the County.

SECTION B

GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

FUTURE TWO YEAR PLAN



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Goal 1: Identify the resources and practices for effective management of an ever increasing and diverse daily inmate population in the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center.

Objective A: Establish a Subcommittee with the collective expertise to realize the goal and inform the CCJB.

Objective B: Review the increases in total population and special needs to define additional staffing levels for effective management of substance abuse, mental health and multi-lingual services.

Objective C: The ADC has 876 usable beds and a daily population of 1,000 and climbing. Develop a study of the additional staff positions needed to open the rest of the ADC building.

Objective D: Review approaches to reduce the ADC daily population to current staffing levels such as increased use of alternatives to incarceration for non-violent offenders and moving state offenders to state institutions sooner.



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Goal 2: Identify the needs of the community's substance abusers in terms of their medical needs and their impact on the criminal justice system.

Objective A: Establish a Subcommittee with the collective expertise to realize the goal and inform the CCJB.

Objective B: Determine if there is a need for a drug court in Fairfax County.

Objective C: Address the adequacy of resources and funding available for substance abusers in the criminal justice system.

Objective D: Study the use of SABRE funding in Fairfax County.



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Goal 3: Study effective methods used to access court systems.

Objective A: Establish a Subcommittee with the collective expertise to realize the goal and inform the CCJB.

Objective B: Explore ways to remotely access the court without attendance at a central facility and with increased emphasis on service to citizens.

Objective C: Seek more effective ways to docket the “volume” courts such as traffic and some misdemeanor offenses.

Objective D: Explore use of split traffic and sentencing dockets for the duration of the parking garage construction.



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Goal 4: Review bond setting practices for some misdemeanor and non-violent offenders.

Objective A: Establish a Subcommittee with the collective expertise to realize the goal and inform the CCJB.

Objective B: Review bond setting practices to identify methods to reduce incarceration of some misdemeanor and non-violent offenders because of the bail dollar level and ability to pay issues.

Objective C: Study approaches to expedite court dates to reduce jail time for some misdemeanor and non-violent offenders who cannot make bail.



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Goal 5: Review the communications process of offender tracking.

Objective A: Establish a Subcommittee with the collective expertise to realize the goal and inform the CCJB.

Objective B: Improve interagency communication concerning serious habitual offenders.

Objective C: Continue and complete improvements to the integrated state criminal justice information system.

Objective D: Improve communications on the status of offenders on probation.



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Goal 6: Study practices and resources to reduce language and cultural barriers to criminal justice services.

Objective A: Establish a Subcommittee with the collective expertise to realize the goal and inform the CCJB.

Objective B: Address the role of cultural differences as barrier to criminal justice services.

Objective C: Improve the capacity and quality of translation services to reduce the potential for criminal justice service delays as service demand and transactions continue to increase.

Objective D: Pilot test available cutting edge translation equipment.



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Goal 7: Review sentencing alternatives to incarceration and incarceration options.

Objective A: Establish a Subcommittee with the collective expertise to realize the goal and inform the CCJB.

Objective B: Review current alternatives to incarceration and other successful alternative options.

Objective C: Review current incarceration options and any additional successful options.